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Docket No.: 53924US010

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: DESMOND T. CURRAN AND ELFED I. WILLIAMS	
Serial No.: 09/871,223	Group Art Unit: 3761
Confirmation No.: 6855	Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis
Filed: May 31, 2001	
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, and is accompanied by a Request for One-Month Extension of Time to Reply (thereby extending the response due date to Monday, November 17, 2003), and by a Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 of Desmond T. Curran and a Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 of Lowell E. Christensen. Please amend the application as follows: